



Registration Package

Mini Stars 2024-2025

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Welcome to Dartmouth Dance Academy's competitive dance team **Mini Stars** for ages 6-8!

DDA offers younger dancers enrolled in DDA technique dance classes an opportunity to participate/perform on the Fusion competitive dance team. The good news about Mini Stars dance team is there are no auditions, and any dancer who is interested can join the team! Mini Stars offers a chance for younger dancers to try competitive dance without committing to the regular Fusion dance team in a capacity that is appropriate for their age group. If your child loves to dance, Mini Stars is the next step!

The information contained in this package is designed to give you a solid understanding of the requirements and expectations for each team member on the Mini Stars dance team. There is more commitment for both dancers and parents in competitive dance, than in recreational dance, so review carefully before submitting your application.

Fusion faculty appreciate parental involvement and support of Fusion parents. Decisions regarding choreography, costumes and the coaching of the team are the sole responsibility of Fusion faculty who direct the rehearsals and decide what each dancer will be doing in the routines. All decisions are made with the good of your dancer, and of the team as a whole, in mind.

TEAM MEMBER OBLIGATIONS

- 1. Mini Stars is our competitive Fusion team for ages 6-8yrs. Fusion team members (including Mini Stars) must be registered and attending required DDA technique classes for the 2024/2025 dance season.**

Ballet and Jazz technique classes are required for Mini Star and Fusion dancers. Dancers must be registered in weekly Ballet and Jazz DDA technique classes for the 2024/25 season. Mini Star dancers can choose Tap and Acro as optional technique classes. All technique classes must be registered and paid for through Cole Harbour Place, the same way as recreational classes. The Mini Stars base fee does not cover the cost of the required or optional technique classes. Mini Stars in both 1st and 2nd year take technique classes with their Mini Star team, so they dance together for all classes. By 3rd year, Mini Stars move to a regular Fusion Novice Troupe in their 3rd season.
- 2. The Fusion 2024/25 season will start on Wednesday, September 4th, 2024.**

In addition to weekly technique class with DDA, Mini Stars dancers have a 45-minute Fusion choreography class every Wednesday from September to April, which all Mini Stars are required to attend. **All Fusion classes (including Mini Stars) take place on Wednesday nights.**
- 3. Fusion Mini Stars dancers must attend all scheduled practices/rehearsals/workshops.**

All weekly practices/rehearsals/workshops are mandatory for attendance. Dancers do not have to limit activities to dance alone. We do expect dance team be their **PRIMARY** commitment.
- 4. All requests for absences are to be sent to the Director.**

Only illness and school-graded activities may be considered as possible excuses for missing mandatory rehearsals/events. Fusion faculty will not give permission for dancers to miss

practice for: school dances, birthday parties, school plays, lack of transportation for your dancer or other activities including vacations. We ask dancers take vacations during the set breaks which are communicated at the start of the season. Do not approach faculty to ask for permission. Efforts put into Fusion determine success.

5. **Fusion Mini Stars dancers & parents/guardians are required to sign the Obligations Agreement (contract) before attending the first rehearsal in September.**
Dancers and Parents/guardians must show mutual respect and courtesy towards one another and faculty at all times. Highs and lows during the season can be expected and require a positive outlook. Dancers and parents may speak with the Director or faculty if they have any issues or concerns with regard to behaviour shown towards them.
6. **All Fusion Mini Stars team members are expected to come to rehearsals ready to work.**
Dancers are to arrive at all rehearsals 15 minutes before class begins dressed and ready to dance. Time for faculty to work with the team each week is limited, therefore it is critical dancers are ready to dance the moment they walk into the studio. All music will be distributed electronically to team members to assist with practice.
7. **1st and 2nd year Fusion Mini Star dancers will compete one dance piece with their specific troupe, in two mandatory competitions.**
All dancers are required to attend these competitions, as it is critical to the team's success. Competitions and dates, where available, will be announced in the dancers' Welcome Kit, distributed after team registration is complete.
8. **2nd year Fusion Mini Star dancers ONLY – participate in our Fusion Musical Theatre (MT) Production dance piece with our full Fusion Team & compete this dance at four mandatory competitions.**
Only our 2nd year Mini Stars will participate in our Fusion Musical Theatre Production dance with our full team of Fusion dancers. They will have competition fees included for **four** competitions for this dance. This is to provide our Mini Stars with a transition year from Mini Stars to full Fusion, saving on cost and commitment.
9. **All Fusion Mini Star dancers are required to participate in the following mandatory performances:**
 - Annual Kick-Off Show in front of an audience which includes: All Fusion troupe, Mini Stars Troupe (1st and 2nd year), Elite Troupe, Musical Theatre production (2nd yr. Mini Stars only), Modern Production (Fusion only), small group and extra dance routines (Fusion only) are performed.
 - All items listed on our Fusion Year-At-A-Glance are mandatory, including but not limited to our DDA Holiday and Year-End Recitals.
 - Additional performances may be added as the Director sees fit.

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10. **Deadlines for fee payment, ticket purchases, event registrations must be met.**
Failure to meet deadlines will result in late fees being applied and loss of ability to participate in the event or on the team. All fees paid are non-refundable/non-transferrable.
 11. **Mini Stars troupe dancers do not audition.**
Any inquiries to be sent by email to fusiondancedartmouth@gmail.com for the new season.
 12. **Team Jackets**
All 1st year Mini Star dancers will need to purchase the Fusion team jacket. All 2nd year Mini Stars have the jacket from the previous season.
 13. **Make-Up**
Mini Stars dancers do not have to purchase a Jam make-up palette, which is what our main Fusion team dancers use. Mini Stars are required to wear minimal make when competing – usually blush and lipstick.
 14. **Fusion Dress Code**
All Fusion and Mini Stars Team members are required to purchase a team uniform to be worn for all technical classes (Ballet, Jazz which are mandatory classes, and Tap and Acro which are optional classes). Dancers will be able to choose from a black body suit and/or a tank top as well to choose from either black jazz shorts or black jazz pants. Dress code items are embodied with the Dartmouth Dance Academy logo. Dancers are permitted to wear their own black jazz shorts or black pants as a part of the dress code for tech classes, provided they are all black. Returning Fusion Mini Stars dancers can continue to use current dress code items. There is always an option to purchase extra pieces throughout the year. For Fusion Mini Star troupe night (Wednesday evenings) dancers can choose to wear their own proper and acceptable dancewear, and are not required to wear the uniform.
 15. ****New** Administrative/Event Fee**
New this year, we are implementing and Administrative/Event fee of **\$85**/family (not per dancer) which will be due after registration (Due by May 15th, 2024).
 16. **Failure by dancers/parents to comply with the above obligations may result in a dancer being asked to leave the team or to not be invited back for the next season.**



FUSION Mini Stars TEAM FEES and Payment Schedules

1. **NEW – 1st year Mini Stars Fees and Payment Schedule:**

The Fusion Base Fee for the 1st year NEW Mini Stars troupe includes:

- a. Choreography for one troupe dance from the Jazz/Lyrical/Contemporary dance style.
- b. Costume for one troupe dance from the Jazz/Lyrical/Contemporary dance style.
- c. Competition fees to compete their troupe dance at two competitions.
- d. Includes two tickets/family to our annual Kick-Off show.

Total cost per dancer to participate on the 1st year Fusion Mini Stars Competitive dance team for the 2024/2025 season is **\$700.00** – not including team jacket or admin/event fee.

A **\$200 deposit** is required at the time of registration which is by **May 1st, 2024**. This deposit guarantees your dancer a place on the Fusion Mini Stars team and is used for initial space & choreography costs. The deposit is non-refundable.

There are three payment schedules available for the remaining monies owing:

1. Lump sum payment of \$500.00 per dancer due September 4th, 2024.
2. Two equal payments of \$250.00 per dancer due on September 4th & November 6th, 2024.
3. Four equal payments of \$125.00 per dancer due on September 6th, October 2nd, November 6th, and December 4th, 2024.

Registration/deposits can be sent to fusiondancedartmouth@gmail.com or may be passed into any dance teacher by the May 1st deadline. The one-time admin/event fee of **\$85** is due by May 15th.

Note: No refunds/transfer of payments to another dancer for any reason, including illness, injury or dropouts. Please refer to payment method below for additional information.

Deadline to submit registration & non-refundable deposits is May 1, 2024.

2. **RETURNING – 2nd year Mini Stars Fee and payment schedule:**

The Fusion Base Fee for the 2nd year RETURNING Mini Stars troupe includes:

- e. Choreography for one troupe dance from the Jazz/Lyrical/Contemporary dance style.
- f. Costume for one troupe dance from the Jazz/Lyrical/Contemporary dance style.
- g. Competition fees to compete their troupe dance at two competitions.
- h. Choreography for our MT Production dance with the entire Fusion dance team.
- i. Competition fees to compete our Musical Theatre Production dance with the entire Fusion dance team at four competitions.
- j. Includes two tickets/family to our annual Kick-Off show.



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Total cost per dancer to participate on the 2nd year Fusion Mini Stars Competitive dance team for the 2024/2025 season is **\$875.00** – (plus the new one-time admin/event fee).

A **\$175 deposit** is required at the time of registration which is by **May 1st, 2024**. This deposit guarantees your dancer a place on the Fusion Mini Stars team and is used for initial space & choreography costs. The deposit is non-refundable.

There are three payment schedules available for the remaining monies owing:

1. Lump sum payment of \$700.00 per dancer due September 4th, 2024.
2. Two equal payments of \$350.00 per dancer due on September 4th & November 6th, 2024.
3. Four equal payments of \$175.00 per dancer due on September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, and December 4th, 2024.

Registration/deposits can be sent to fusiondancedartmouth@gmail.com or may be passed into any dance teacher by the May 1st deadline. The one-time admin/event fee of **\$85** is due by May 15th.

Note: No refunds/transfer of payments to another dancer for any reason, including illness, injury or dropouts. Please refer to the Payment Schedule for payment options.

Deadline to submit registration & non-refundable deposits is May 1, 2024.

Fusion/Mini Stars Payment Methods :

- For your convenience, Fusion offers payment by credit card or e-transfer.
- All credit card transactions are subject to a **5% service fee**.
- All e-transfer payments are to fusiondancedartmouth@gmail.com using the word **dancer** as the password.
- **Absolutely no refunds**, or transfer of payments to another dancer, once payment is submitted. This includes illness, injury, drop-outs, and extenuating circumstances.
- Overdue accounts will be subject to late payment fees of **5%** weekly, until paid in full.
- A credit card form **MUST** be submitted the first night of Fusion in September.



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Yes, I will be dancing on Fusion Mini Stars Competition Dance Team!

If your dancer would like to perform with the Fusion Competitive Dance Team in the 2024/2025 dance season, please complete, sign and return this form (including the liability waiver) with applicable deposit(s) to fusiondancedartmouth@gmail.com or any dance teacher on or before **May 1, 2024**.

If your registration form is not returned by May 1, 2024, we will assume you will not be participating on Fusion Mini Stars Dance Team for the upcoming year.

Dancer's Name: _____

Birth Date: _____
 (month, day, year)

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent's Primary Email Address: _____

Secondary Email Address: _____
 (If applicable)

Telephone: _____ Cell Number: _____
 Home Number Parent's Cell

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Relationship to Dancer: _____

Major Health Concerns: _____

I have read and agree to the Fusion team members' obligations and commitments, as outlined in this document. I consent to the use of my dancer's photos, and/or videos of my dancer performing, for Fusion's print and online/social media use.

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date



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Dancer's Name: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

2024-2025 MINI STARS FEES <i>All deposits and payments are non-refundable.</i>	METHOD OF PAYMENT: CREDIT or E-TRANSFER	PAYMENT RECEIVED BY:
1st year Mini Stars Deposit = \$200.00 2nd year Mini Stars Deposit = \$175.00 <i>May 1st</i>		
1st and 2nd year Mini Stars Admin/Event Fee = \$85 <i>May 15th</i>		
Pay Full Remaining Amount Owing 1st year NEW Mini Stars= \$500.00 2nd year RETURNING Mini Stars = \$700.00 <i>Sept 4th</i>		
Two Payments 1st year NEW Mini Stars = \$250.00 2nd year RETURNING Mini Stars = \$350.00 <i>Sept 4th, Nov 6th</i>		
Four Payments 1st year NEW Mini Stars = \$125.00 2nd year RETURNING Mini Stars = \$175.00 <i>Sept 4th, Oct 2nd, Nov 6th, Dec 4th</i>		

If paying by Credit Card, please complete (5% service fee applied per transaction):

CARDHOLDER'S NAME (please print)	SIGNATURE:
CARD#	EXPIRY DATE (MM/YY)



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LIABILITY WAIVER

In accepting entry for the dancer listed below into Fusion Competition Dance Team, I acknowledge and shall not hold Dartmouth Dance Academy and/or Fusion Competitive Dance Team and/or their affiliates responsible/liable for any loss, injury, death or damage to persons/property incurred by any person in connection with Fusion Competition Dance Team.

Fusion Competition Dance Team and/or affiliates reserves the right to change, cancel or substitute dates, locations and schedules without penalty or compensation. We reserve the right to add/remove faculty members at any time.

Fusion Competition Dance Team reserves the right to use images, both video and/or photographic of all dancers in its promotional materials.

It is further understood that I acknowledge that no payment or other compensation in any form will become due to me, my child, our heirs, agents at any time because of my child's participation in any events, classes, workshops, competitions or for the use of my child's photograph, video or likeness.

There are NO REFUNDS on any Fusion registrations, deposits, payments, post-dated payments, workshop fees, classes, costumes, etc...for any reason - including but not limited to illness, injury, drop-outs, or extenuating circumstances.

By my signature below, I understand and agree to all the statements and policies explained in this document.

Name of Dancer: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____